

School Year 2026-27

Public Media Release for Free and Reduced-Price Meals

Premier Charter School announces its policy to serve nutritious meals every school day under the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, and the Afterschool Snack Program. Effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, children are eligible for free or reduced-price meals if the household income is less than or equal to the federal guidelines shown below.

Income Eligibility Guidelines
(Effective from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%					150%					185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories															
1	\$15,960	\$1,330	\$665	\$614	\$307	\$23,940	\$1,995	\$998	\$921	\$461	\$29,526	\$2,461	\$1,231	\$1,136	\$568
2	21,640	1,804	902	833	417	32,460	2,705	1,353	1,249	625	40,034	3,337	1,669	1,540	770
3	27,320	2,277	1,139	1,051	526	40,980	3,415	1,708	1,577	789	50,542	4,212	2,106	1,944	972
4	33,000	2,750	1,375	1,270	635	49,500	4,125	2,063	1,904	952	61,050	5,088	2,544	2,349	1,175
5	38,680	3,224	1,612	1,488	744	58,020	4,835	2,418	2,232	1,116	71,558	5,964	2,982	2,753	1,377
6	44,360	3,697	1,849	1,707	854	66,540	5,545	2,773	2,560	1,280	82,066	6,839	3,420	3,157	1,579
7	50,040	4,170	2,085	1,925	963	75,060	6,255	3,128	2,887	1,444	92,574	7,715	3,858	3,561	1,781
8	55,720	4,644	2,322	2,144	1,072	83,580	6,965	3,483	3,215	1,608	103,082	8,591	4,296	3,965	1,983
Add per family member	+\$5,680	+\$474	+\$237	+\$219	+\$110	+\$8,520	+\$710	+\$355	+\$328	+\$164	+\$10,508	+\$876	+\$438	+\$405	+\$203

Income Eligibility Guidelines
(Effective from July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027)
Household Size Larger Than Eight

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%					150%					185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories															
9	\$61,400	\$5,117	\$2,559	\$2,362	\$1,181	\$92,100	\$7,675	\$3,838	\$3,543	\$1,772	\$113,590	\$9,466	\$4,733	\$4,369	\$2,185
10	67,080	5,590	2,795	2,580	1,290	100,620	8,385	4,193	3,870	1,935	124,098	10,342	5,171	4,773	2,387
11	72,760	6,064	3,032	2,799	1,400	109,140	9,095	4,548	4,198	2,099	134,606	11,218	5,609	5,178	2,589
12	78,440	6,537	3,269	3,017	1,509	117,660	9,805	4,903	4,526	2,263	145,114	12,093	6,047	5,582	2,791
13	84,120	7,010	3,505	3,236	1,618	126,180	10,515	5,258	4,854	2,427	155,622	12,969	6,485	5,986	2,993
14	89,800	7,484	3,742	3,454	1,727	134,700	11,225	5,613	5,181	2,591	166,130	13,845	6,923	6,390	3,195
15	95,480	7,957	3,979	3,673	1,837	143,220	11,935	5,968	5,509	2,755	176,638	14,720	7,360	6,794	3,397
16	101,160	8,430	4,215	3,891	1,946	151,740	12,645	6,323	5,837	2,919	187,146	15,596	7,798	7,198	3,599
Add per family member	+\$5,680	+\$474	+\$237	+\$219	+\$110	+\$8,520	+\$710	+\$355	+\$328	+\$164	+\$10,508	+\$876	+\$438	+\$405	+\$203

Households do not need to turn in an application when the household receives a notification letter saying that all children automatically qualify for free meals when any household member receives benefits from SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR. Children who meet the definition of foster, homeless, migrant, or runaway are eligible for free meals. Contact school officials if any child in the household is not on the notification letter. The household must let school officials know if they do not want to receive free or reduced-price meals.

Applications will be available to every current household on file with a letter about the free and reduced-price meal program. Households that want to apply for meal benefits, must fill out one application for all children in the household. For a simple and secure method to apply, families can use our online application within the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Instructions on how to complete the Meal Application form are [HERE](#). Contact Katie Lydon at klydon@premiercharterschool.org or (314) 645-9600 Ext: 252 for help filling out the application. The school will let you know if your application is approved or denied for free or reduced-price meals.

Households may turn in an application at any time during the school year. If you are not eligible now, but your household income goes down, household size goes up, or a household member starts receiving SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits, a new application with updated information can be submitted. Information given on the application will be used to determine eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school officials. The last four digits of the Social Security number from any adult in the household or checking that you do not have a Social Security number is required if you include income on the application.

Households that receive Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) benefits, may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals by filling out an application.

Foster children are eligible for free meals and may be included as a household member if the foster family chooses to also apply for the non-foster children on the same application. Including foster children as a household member may help the non-foster children qualify for free or reduced-price meals. If the non-foster children are not eligible, this does not keep foster children from receiving free meals.

Your child's eligibility status from last school year will continue into the new school year for 30 school days, until the school processes your new application, or your child is otherwise certified for free or reduced-price meals. After the 30 school days, your child will have to pay full price for meals, unless the household receives a notification letter for free or reduced-price meals. School officials do not have to send reminders or expired eligibility notices.

If you do not agree with the decision or results of verification, you may discuss it with school officials. You also have the right to a fair hearing, which may be requested by calling or emailing the hearing official: Katie Lydon (314) 645-9600 Ext: 252 or klydon@premiercharterschool.org.

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